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the lagoon? Does that mean a change in the numbers? What does substantial change actually mean? And in order for this, the bill, to be truly efficient, I think we need to clarify what substantial change is. I just recently spent the weekend in Chicago, and in the Chicago Tribune there was an article that talked about the residents in De Kalb County, and actually De Kalb County is where I spent the weekend. Rick has a college roommate that was in...that lived in Chicago, still lives in Chicago in De Kalb County. The residents in De Kalb County, west of Chicago, last month obtained a temporary restraining order to block construction of an 8,000 head hog confinement near Hinckley, and Hinckley is the community right near the area that I stayed. That lawsuit has brought...that lawsuit brought by lawyers representing retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice John Nickels, who plans to build a home near the proposed hog farm. Let me tell you, that area is heavily populated by farms and also small little acreages. There was no way that a hog confinement union...unit needs to be put out in this residential area. So Nebraska is not the only state that has issues with hog confinements. It's happening all over the Midwest. I sat by a lady from South Dakota. This is also a bill that has been brought up in their Legislature, and they're trying to fight it also, because it is truly a real problem. Hog confinements in our areas affect the water quality and the air quality of our residents. Maybe we should have a bill that says you're community friendly. Would that make a difference? And a rural community friendly. But are we community friendly to hog confinements? And I think that that's where the real question is. I turn my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Is there further debate? Seeing no lights on, Senator Chambers, you're...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of FA1349 offered by Senator Chambers to LB 754. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on adoption of the Chambers' amendment, FA1349. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.